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Classified By: Ambassador Paul Trivelli for reasons 1.4(b, d)

11. (C) On May 6, poloff delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials Mario Barquero, Director for the Non-Aligned Movement, and Renee Morales, Director for North American Affairs. While neither was familiar with the draft declaration itself, Barquero immediately recognized the unstated Cuban human rights subtext and smugly raised the issue of USG treatment of Guantanamo detainees. In the ensuing decussion, Barquero gave no indication of either support or opposition to the declaration's basic points, but did agree to discuss with the GON's UN representatives.

COMMENT

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12. (C) Although this declaration seeks to take a thematic approach to the issue of prisoners of conscience, given President Daniel Ortega's close personal ties to Cuba, there is little chance that the GON will support this initiative. This was made clear by Barquero's poorly concealed smirk when we brought up the declaration and asked for GON support.
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